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1. Since May 1951, there has been a gradual but marked increase in the number of Soviet effectives in Eastern Germany. These increases have been made chiefly in Thuringia and Saxony, and are estimated to be about 100,000 men. (1) These reinforcements are largely of Asiatic origin (Mongolian, Siberians, etc.) and are being absorbed into existing units. Asiatics are generally considered combat personnel. (2)
2. The total military strength of the Soviet Zone of Germany is estimated at 500,000 men. (3) This figure includes about 80,000 German Paramilitary Police. (4) Strong forces are located along the Eisenach-Gotha-Erfurt-Weimar-Jena-Chemnitz line. The town of Schulpforta in Saxony is reported as an important assembly point. (5)
3. The troop strength of units in Silesia is estimated at 130,000 Russians (6) and 35,000 Poles stationed mainly along the Liegnitz-Breslau-Oppeln line. In the rest of Poland, it is estimated that there are 200,000 Russians and 50,000 Poles stationed mainly along the Kuestrin-Posen-Kutno line. (7) 50X1-HUM
4. Some reinforcements have come into Austria but the number is much smaller than the reinforcements coming into Germany.

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significant and offers the following interpretations of it:

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- a. They were recalled for possible military action.
- b. The Russians wanted military leaders who were acquainted with, and could deal with, western military leaders. (8)

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- (1) Comment: Most recent estimates, [] indicate that the net increase in Soviet strength is about 70,000. [] There is also a possibility that this number will be made smaller when some units discharge men at the end of summer maneuvers. 50X1-HUM
- (2) Comment: There are no reports to indicate that there has been an increase in the number of Asiatics arriving in Germany. Normal replacement of discharges could account for the arrival of some Asiatics in Germany.
- (3) Comment: This figure agrees with accepted estimates if all military, naval, air, and security personnel, and German paramilitary police forces are included in the figure.
- (4) Comment: Current strength figures of the Paramilitary Police indicate that there are between 50,000 and 55,000 men in this force.
- (5) Comment: Schulpforta has not been known as an assembly point up to this time. There are headquarters of several important Russian military units in the area near Schulpforta.
- (6) Comment: Received Germans.
- (7) Comment: Most recent available estimates indicate that Poland has about 255,000 troops in all services. Current estimates place about 57,000 Russians in Poland.

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